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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 March 2004.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 1-5, 10-17 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 6-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 23 March 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

This communication is in response to applicant's 03/23/2004 amendment/responses in the application of QIAO for "**Labeled Optical Burst Switching for IP-over-WDM integration**" filed 03/26/2001. The amendments/response to the claims have been entered. No claims have been canceled. No claims have been added. Claims 1-17 are now pending.

Claim Objections

Claims 7 and 8 are objected to because of the following informalities: the limitations

-the Wavelength-Division Multiplexed Optical Burst Switch comprising an Optical Burst Switching Fabric and its controller, an input interface and an output interface; and

-the control packet processing unit connected to the control wavelength(s) of the Wavelength-Division Multiplexed Optical Burst Switch, said processing unit utilizing as the control platform Multi-Protocol Label Switching in conjunction with LOBS specific extensions

are already cited in claim 7 thus the claimed limitations are encompassed by independent claim 6. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim 7 is objected to because of the following informalities: in line 4 after the subject matter "devices" please correct the "." to --,--.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 6-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Chang et al. (US 6,111,673), hereinafter Chang.

Regarding claims 6 and 9, Chang discloses a Labeled Optical Burst Switching Node (the combination one of the WDM node 121 and IP router 111, figures 3 and 4) for network communications comprising-.

-a Wavelength-Division Multiplexed Optical Burst Switch (the WDM switch 121, in figure 4) comprising an Optical Burst Switching Fabric (switching device 430) and its controller (the combination of label switch controller with look-up table 410 and circuit

switching controller 420, in figure 4), an input interface and an output interface; and

-a control packet processing unit (the IP router 111, in figure 3) data monitor & switch control processor 284, in figure 2B) connected to the control wavelength(s) of the Wave length-Division Multiplexed Optical Burst Switch, said processing unit utilizing as the control platform Multi-Protocol Label Switching in conjunction with LOBS specific extensions.

Regarding claim 7, Chang discloses a Labeled Optical Burst Switching Node for network communications according to claim 6, further comprising-.

- an Access Point interface connecting the Labeled Optical Burst Switching Node to PDU devices such as electronic label switching routers (interface 310, in figures 3-4),
- a Burst assembly unit (an optical circulator, responsive to the incoming optical signal, for circulating the light burst to produce a time-extended light burst under control of the preamble, see claim 32),

Regarding claim 8, Chang discloses A Labeled Optical Burst Switching Node for network communications according to claim 6, further comprising:

- an Access Point interface connecting the Labeled Optical Burst Switching Node to PDU devices such as electronic label switching routers (interface 310, in figures 3-4),
- a Burst dis-assembly unit (demodulator, see claim 34).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-5, 10-17 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 3/23/2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In previous office action rejection, the examiner inadvertently stated the patent number as (6,160,651) but it should have been read as (6,111,673). It should be apparent from the rejections, the elements point to figures 3 and 4 of Chang (US 6,111,673).

In response to the applicant's argument in page 15-19:

- a. there is no claimed limitation of "out-of-band control wavelengths for transmission of control packet" in the original or amended claim 6.
- b. there is no claimed limitation of "delays the sending of a burst and includes this delay information into the control packet" in claims 6-8.
- c. see step b response.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Bob A. Phunkulh** whose telephone number is (703) 308-8251. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor **Douglas W. Olms**, can be reached on (703) 305-4703. The fax phone number for this group is (703) 872-9314.

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